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Please add new claims 14-20 as follows:

- 14. (New) A method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography, comprising the steps of:

heating a thermoplastic resin within a solvent capable of dissolving said thermoplastic resin when heated and substantially incapable of dissolving said resin at room temperature, the SP (solubility parameter) value of said solvent being adjusted to control the particle diameter of toner particles based on a difference between the SP value of the resin itself and the SP value of the solvent, to melt and mix the resin with the solvent; and cooling the mixture to permit precipitation of the toner particles, wherein inorganic fine particles are added to the mixture immediately before initiation of the toner particle precipitation so as to permit the toner particle precipitation.--

- 15. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine particles consist of silica particles or silica particles to which a hydrophobic treatment is applied.--

- 16. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine particles consist of titanium oxide particles or titanium hydroxide particles.--

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- 17. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography according to claim 1, wherein the surfaces of the inorganic fine particles are treated with an organic material or a hydroxide.--
- 18. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography according to claim 1, wherein said liquid toner composition further contains at least one of a charge controller and a dispersant.--
- 19. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography according to claim 5, wherein said charge controller is added in an amount of 0.5 to 50% by weight based on the solid components of the liquid toner composition.--
- 20. (New) The method of manufacturing a liquid toner composition for electrophotography according to claim 5, wherein said dispersant is added in an amount of 0.5 to 80% by weight based on the solid components of the liquid toner composition.--